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(5) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to divest the Cocanada Subordinate Judge's Court of its appellate jurisdiction over the Cocanada and Peddapuram Munsifs and to vest the same in the District Court.

(6) whether it is a fact that ever since its establishment the Cocanada Subordinate Judge's Court has been exercising appellate jurisdiction over the Cocanada and Peddapuram Munsifs; and

(7) whether the Government are aware that the litigants of Cocanada taluk who go to Cocanada for original suits will find it inconvenient to go to Rajahmundry for presentation of appeals?

A.—(1) & (5) Proposals in the sense referred to by the hon. Member are under consideration.

(2), (3) & (7) The Government have no information.

(4) Yes.

(6) From 1875 to 1915, the permanent sub-court at Cocanada was exercising appellate jurisdiction over the Peddapuram and Cocanada Munsifs. In 1915 the appellate jurisdiction over the Peddapuram Munsif was transferred to the temporary additional sub-court at Cocanada, which was newly established there.

*Irrigation schemes in Kollegal taluk.*

452 Q.—MR. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased—

(a) to give a list of all irrigation schemes for the taluk of Kollegal in the district of Coimbatore pending either before the Chief Engineer or before the Government with the possible cost of each; whether there is any chance of any of these schemes being taken up soon; and

(b) to state—

(1) what is the average rainfall of the Kollegal taluk for the last five years and what is the total area of the taluk and the area under wet cultivation; and

(2) whether it is a fact that for the same river which for some distance forms the boundary between the Kollegal taluk and Mysore Province and which runs afterwards in the Kollegal taluk itself, there are some anicuts which take water for the Mysore Province but not even one for the Kollegal taluk; if that is so, what are the reasons for the same?

A.—(a) No irrigation schemes are now pending with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation or with the Government. The hon. Member's attention is, however, invited to the answer given to question No. 1307 asked at the second session of the Council.

(b) (1) The average rainfall in the Kollegal taluk, for the five years ending 1921, is 31.33 inches.

The total area of the taluk is 1,076 square miles, and the area under wet cultivation, 6,436 acres.

(2) The hon. Member presumably refers to the river Swarnavati, otherwise called Honnolai. Irrigation on the Mysore side is at present being carried on by means of earthen bunds thrown across the river. As stated in the answer given to question No. 231 asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 18th February 1921, the investigation of the scheme to utilize the waters of the river on the British side has not yet been taken up.